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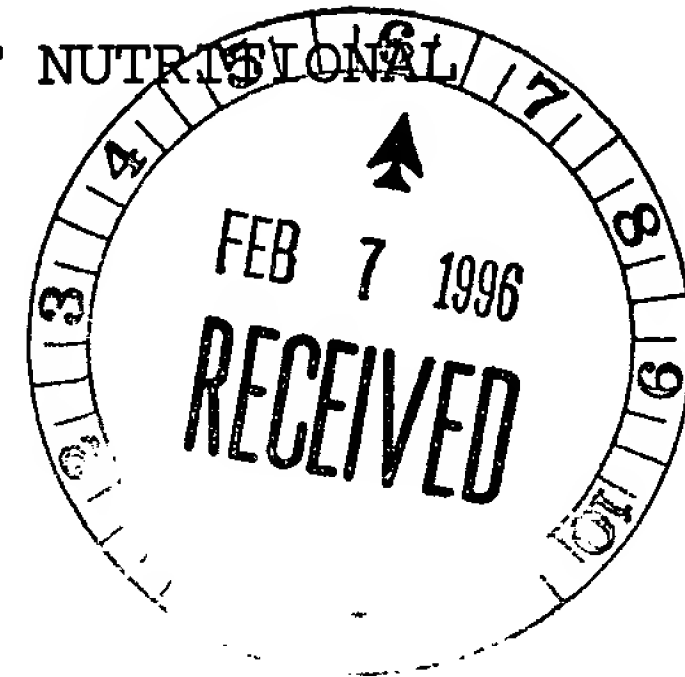
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For: USE OF PIPERINE TO INCREASE THE BIOAVAILABILITY OF NUTRITIONAL COMPOUNDS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Honorable Assistant
Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 30, 1996



Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 1995,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

at pte Page 17, line ²³4, delete "4" and insert therefor --1--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1 and 16 as follows:

a' 1. (ONCE AMENDED) A composition suitable for improving
gastrointestinal absorption and systemic utilization of nutritional
materials, subsequent increase in nutrient induced thermogenesis,

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